

THE EURO-ISRAEL ODYSSEY / Summer 2010

A Two-Week Journey to Spain & Israel for Young Adults

ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Join fellow young adults this summer and travel east along the Mediterranean to southern Spain & Israel. The first leg of the journey is spent touring the sun soaked Andalusia region of Spain. Visit the world-famous Al-Hambra Palace, relax on the beaches of the Spanish Riviera, and learn about Judaism's rich history in this land. From Spain, we journey to Israel for ten days of new experiences, new friendships, and a deeper connection to the Jewish Homeland.

This program is opened to ages 18-29 with separate trip departure dates for participants who are age 18-24 and age 23-29. This experience is intended for Jewish young adults of all backgrounds and embraces a pluralistic approach. The itinerary is designed both for those who have never been to Israel before and those who are returning.

The Euro-Israel Odyssey is organized by Authentic Israel and is promoted in partnership with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, the St. Louis Central Agency for Jewish Education, and Taglit-Birthright Israel NEXT.



Departure Date	Return Date	Suggested Age Groups
May 23, 2010	June 7, 2010	18-24*
May 30, 2010	June 14, 2010	23-29*

*Each trip is organized around a suggested age grouping, with exceptions approved on a case-by-case basis.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

The following is a projected itinerary for Euro-Israel Odyssey 2010. It will be updated ~60 days prior to arrival

DAY #1: SUNDAY / Departure!

- Depart from New York in evening

DAY #2: MONDAY / Madrid & Toledo

- Arrive in Madrid, Spain
- Tour of the Royal Palace and Plaza Espana in Madrid
- Travel back in time to the old quarter of Toledo
- Explore Toledo's remaining synagogue
- Overnight: Accommodations in Toledo

DAY #3: TUESDAY / Spain's Andalusia Region

- Travel southwards to the Andalusia region of Spain
- Tour of the world-famous Al-Hambra palace in Grenada
- Nature walk into the Andalusia Mountains
- Evening: Flamenco dancing outing
- Overnight: Accommodations in Granada

DAY #4: WEDNESDAY / Spanish Coast

- Travel southwards to the Spanish coast
- Day of relaxation along Spain's golden coast
- Visit to the Picasso Museum in Malaga
- Closing dinner on the beach in Malaga
- Transfer to Malaga for domestic flight to Madrid

- Catch connecting flight from Madrid to Tel Aviv
- Overnight in the sky en route to Israel

DAY #5: THURSDAY / Arrival in Israel

- Arrive in Israel in early morning
- Welcome ceremony at Caesarea amphitheater on beach
- Hike down the Arbel overlooking the Sea of Galilee
- Sunset cruise & Israeli dancing on the Sea of Galilee
- Overnight: Accommodations in the Galilee

DAY #6: FRIDAY / The Galilee

- Walking tour of mystical Tsfat
- Horseback riding at Bat Yaar Ranch in the Galilee
- Relaxed rafting on the Jordan River
- Festive Shabbat dinner on the Sea of Galilee
- Overnight: Accommodations in the Galilee

DAY #7: SATURDAY / Shabbat on the Kinneret

- Shabbat program & lunch
- Swimming in the Sea of Galilee
- Evening: Hamat Gader hot springs
- Overnight: Accommodations in the Galilee

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DAY #8: SUNDAY / Golan Heights

- Ascend the Golan Height
- Hike down Nahal Jilaboun
- View of region from Mount Ben Tal
- Tasting & tour at Golan Heights Winery
- Travel southwards along the Jordan River
- Evening: Bonfire dinner atop the Judean Desert cliffs
- Overnight: Accommodations at the Dead Sea

DAY #9: MONDAY / Judean Desert

- Sunrise ascent to Masada via the Snake Path
- Tour of the Masada desert fortress complex
- Relaxed floating at the Dead Sea
- Nature walk to the desert waterfalls at Ein Gedi Reserve
- Travel to the Ramon Crater in the Negev Desert
- Evening: Moonlit walk around the lip of the crater
- Overnight: Ramon Guest House, Negev Desert

DAY #10: TUESDAY / Negev Desert

- Jeep tour of the Ramon Crater
- Relax at the Neve Mibar natural springs & spa
- Hike to the hidden desert pools at Ein Avdat
- Overnight: Ramon Guest House, Negev Desert

DAY #11: WEDNESDAY / Coastal Plain

- Begin travel northwards towards central Israel
- Explore the Bar Kochba caves at Beit Guvrin
- Table-to-Table: Harvesting crops for the needy
- Visit to the secret Haganah facility at Ayalon Institute
- Sunset introduction to Jerusalem at the Haas Promenade
- Overnight: Accommodations in Jerusalem

DAY #12: THURSDAY / Ancient Jerusalem

- Walk along the Rampart Walls surrounding the Old City

- Explore the "City of David" complex & Hezekiah's Tunnel
- Tour the alleyways, rooftops, and tunnels of the Old City
- Time for reflection at the Kotel – The Western Wall
- Overnight: Accommodations in Jerusalem

DAY #13: FRIDAY, June 26 / Tel Aviv

- Travel to modern Tel Aviv
- Visit to Israel's Independence Hall & Rabin Square
- Walking tour of old Jaffa seaport
- Shopping at Nahalat Binyamin streets festival
- Return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat in the Old City
- Walk back to hotel for Shabbat dinner
- Overnight: Accommodations in Jerusalem

DAY #14: SATURDAY / Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Options to visit local synagogues in Jerusalem
- Shabbat lunch at hotel
- Walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods
- Relaxed afternoon at Jerusalem's Independence Park
- Evening: Return to Old City for Kotel Tunnel Tour
- Overnight: Accommodations in Jerusalem

DAY #15: SUNDAY / Contemporary Jerusalem

- Yad VaShem Holocaust Memorial
- Tree planting ceremony in the Jerusalem Bird Observatory
- Visit to the Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital
- Shopping at the Mahane Yehuda marketplace
- Evening: Late night BBQ dinner party in Ben Shemen Forest

DAY #16: MONDAY / Return to North America

- Catch return flight to North America
- Arrive in NYC in early morning

PACKAGE & REGISTRATION DETAILS

TOURING PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Roundtrip flights from New York (JFK) to Madrid/Tel Aviv on Iberia Airlines
- Overnight in 3- or 4-star hotels and kibbutz guest house-style accommodations (triple room occupancy)
Note: Upgrade options for single room (\$575/person) or double room (\$100/person) hotel occupancy
- Two group meals daily (group meals in Israel are kosher and are vegetarian or Kosher in Spain)
- Entrance fees, activity costs and meals as noted on itinerary
- Licensed guide & deluxe touring bus daily with security escort in Israel only (note: no bus travel on Shabbat)
- Not included: Connecting travel to NYC, one meal per day, medical/travelers insurance, gratuities & incidentals

COSTS & TERMS: Program Costs: \$3,250 per person (includes flight from NYC)

A program deposit of \$200/person is required to hold your place on the program and can be sent no later than March 15th, 2010 – after which, deposit payments are non-refundable. The balance of trips costs is due by April 1, 2010 – after which refunds will be issued subject to a \$1000/person penalty. No refunds will be issued within a week of the program start date. All cancellations must be made in writing. This program is subject to availability limitations and is based on a participation minimum. Participants will be advised before the end of February 2010 whether the participation minimum has been met.

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT #1

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____ Passport#: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Medical/Dietary Background: _____

PARTICIPANT #2 (if registering/making payment together)

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____ Passport#: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Medical/Dietary Background: _____

****PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL NAMES ARE ENTERED AS THEY APPEAR IN THE PASSPORT****

Primary mailing address: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone #: _____

ROOMING NOTES: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

Total Amount: \$ _____ **Deposit Amount** (due with registration): \$ _____

Payment Type: Israel savings funds; please detail*: _____

Check or Money Order (make payable to Authentic Israel)

MasterCard Visa American Express [To pay by credit card, please complete the fields]

Unless otherwise noted below, credit/debit cards will be charged the \$200 deposit only upon receipt and the balance due on April 1, 2010 according to the program terms described above

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Completed form should be sent by fax to 1-202-315-3269, emailed to info@authenticisrael.com or mailed to:
Authentic Israel / 5185 Macarthur Blvd, NW #640 / Washington, DC 20016

TRIP PAYMENT NOTES: _____

*Participants from the Cleveland or St. Louis communities wishing to apply their Israel savings funds should contact:

- St. Louis / Passport to Israel / Karen Rader / KRader@cajestl.org / 314-442-3756
- Cleveland / A Gift of Israel / Helen Wolf / wolfhf@jecc.org / 216-371-0446 ext. 233

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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The following form is to be completed separately by each program participant.

I, the undersigned understand that this is a legally binding release of Tlalim Conventions, Events & Tourism Ltd., Tlalim Tours Inc., their affiliated entities, boards of directors, officers, servants, agents, employees and representatives (hereinafter referred to as "Authentic Israel"). In consideration of my decision to participate in the program, I agree as follows: I hereby acknowledge that Authentic Israel does not and will not assume responsibility for any accidents or loss of my personal effects during the course of the program. I understand that I will be solely responsible for my actions at all time, including, but not limited to, any injury to any person (including myself) or damage to any property that I may cause. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold Authentic Israel harmless from any claims against the organization and its agents arising from my conduct. I hereby release Authentic Israel from any liability for any injury to me or my property other than that caused by willful misconduct by Authentic Israel, and I hereby waive any claim that hereafter may arise other than for such intentional misconduct. I further understand that I am waiving all claims for negligent supervision by the Authentic Israel organization. I further understand that all airline schedules are subject to change – including the date and hour of departure – and the participant will be solely responsible for the cost of changing domestic travel arrangements in the event that a previously confirmed flight schedule is altered. I understand that Authentic Israel is not responsible for any items rented or acquired through a partner entity – such as a recommended cell phone provider. Authentic Israel is not responsible for a lost or stolen cell phone or any unauthorized calls made on a rented cell phone. It is the responsibility of the participant to notify the cell phone company directly of any issues relating to the cell phone, including damage, theft, unwanted calls, etc. Should I choose to extend my stay in Israel following the conclusion of the program, I understand that Authentic Israel bears no responsibility for my actions, safety or welfare.

I understand that if I am dismissed from the program due to improper behavior and/or violation of rules that I will not be entitled to a refund of my trip deposit, that all travel arrangements, costs and liability associated with being sent home will be my sole responsibility. I further understand that I will not have any claim of any kind against Authentic Israel as a result of a decision to dismiss me from the program based upon Authentic Israel's sole determination that I engaged in improper behavior or violation of the organization's rules or directions. Conditions for dismissal may include but are not limited to: use or possession of illegally controlled substances or other prescription drug(s) without valid prescription, excessive alcohol consumption, sexual harassment, violent behavior, or failure to comply with instructions given by Authentic Israel staff. I understand that the Authentic Israel staff has the authority (but not the obligation) to search my belongings whenever it deems appropriate to assure that I do not possess firearms, illegally controlled substances or other prescription drug(s) without valid prescription, or any item which may be construed as a weapon. In the event such a substance is found, I authorize Authentic Israel to take such measures as it deems appropriate under the circumstances and I release Authentic Israel from any claims that may arise from such actions.

I understand that participation in the Authentic Israel program can be physically challenging and involves irregular sleeping / eating schedules. I have consulted with a physician and have been advised that I am in good health. I do not suffer from any illnesses, conditions or disabilities that would make participation in an Authentic Israel trip unwise, harmful or dangerous to myself or others. I certify that I have personal medical insurance coverage which is valid in Israel for the duration of the Authentic Israel program and which will cover me in the event of an illness or accident which requires medical attention. I understand that should Authentic Israel staff solely determine that I am not capable of participating in the program due to physical health or mental health considerations, I will be removed from the program, returned to the North American gateway airport from which I departed, and I will be fully responsible for my own domestic travel arrangements. If any emergency contact or medical information (i.e., prescriptions taken, etc.) has changed since I submitted these details as part of my initial application, it is my responsibility to notify Authentic Israel prior to arrival in Israel with such information.

I hereby agree and acknowledge that I have read and understand the entirety of this program agreement and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions without exclusion.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____